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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Docket No.: PNC-001

MERRIL et al.

Group Art Unit: 1649

Application No.: 09/816,289

Examiner: S. Gucker

Filed: March 23, 2001

Title: **METHODS FOR TREATING NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES  
INCLUDING ALZHEIMER'S**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
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January 23, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2005, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition, please reconsider the above-captioned application for allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims appear in the Listing of the Claims on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.**